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Front Page NEWS



Fairfax Spotlight On the Arts

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival Will Be Held April 15 Through May 9

The arts are alive in Fairfax, and nowhere is it more present than at Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, to be held from April 15 through May 9 in and around the City of Fairfax. The festival highlights outstanding music performances from leading musicians, quality arts exhibitions, dance, stimulating theater performances, community activities and more.

A one-of-a-kind event is planned this year: the dedication of a new public art sculpture, *The Dancer*, at 2:30 p.m. April 24 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with George Mason University and the arts community of Fairfax, the three-week festival is considered one of Virginia's foremost arts festivals.

Information: 703-352-ARTS, www.fairfaxspotlight.org.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

City Seeks Public Participation in Comprehensive Plan Survey *Online Responses Accepted Through April 18*

The City of Fairfax seeks feedback from residents and business owners to develop the *Comprehensive Plan*, the city policy document on the community's vision for how the city plans to grow and develop in the next 20 years.

To take the survey, visit <http://cssr.gmu.edu> on a computer, tablet or smartphone. (Remember, the City of Fairfax Regional Library offers free computer access.) Surveys also are available in Spanish. Responses are accepted through April 18. For assistance, call 703-993-8544 or e-mail cssr@gmu.edu.

The city mailed postcards to residents and businesses in March on how to access the survey, which is being conducted in partnership with George Mason University's Center for Social Science Research. Those without access to electronic resources may call 703-385-7930.

The *Comprehensive Plan* provides guidance on land use, transportation, housing, economic development, environment, parks and historic preservation. It is the primary reference tool for decision-making related to land use and development, and informs all zoning and budget decisions. Virginia localities must develop a comprehensive plan and review it every five years. The city last updated its plan in 2012. Information: 703-385-7930.

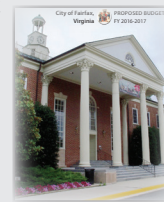


City Council Budget Process Concludes With Adoption April 27

Help the city plan for the future by participating in the annual budget review, which continues through April 27. (See the schedule, right.)

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent. It explains the city's goals, proposed programs and activities for that fiscal year. The budget also includes the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

The proposed budget is available on the city website. Copies of the budget are available in print upon request. Information: 703-385-7870.



Budget Review Schedule

April 5 • 7 pm: work session
April 12 • 7 pm: introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater; real estate tax rate public hearing
April 27 • 7 pm: public hearing; budget adoption

Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5 for schedule, viewing information. Schedule subject to change.



Bicycle Helmets Required (and Available) for Young Cyclists, Passengers

Not only is it a great safety tip, it's the law in the City of Fairfax: bicyclists and passengers age 14 and younger must wear protective helmets. The City of Fairfax Police Department has purchased bicycle helmets to provide to children in need.

This new law was enacted in February to protect children against devastating injuries, including head injuries. Information: 703-385-7924.

Accotink Creek Cleanup in City April 9, 23

Join Friends of Accotink Creek to help collect debris from the creek in the city at the following locations:

- April 9: 9-11 a.m., Accotink Creek at Pickett Road bridge
- April 23: 9-11 a.m., Accotink Creek at Fairfax Boulevard bridge; noon to 2 p.m., Accotink Creek at Chain Bridge Road; 3-5 p.m., Accotink Creek at Old Lee Highway bridge.

Information: <http://www.accotink.org>.

HFCI Annual Meeting April 13 Features Historian David O. Stewart

Find out more about Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI) and enjoy a talk by author David O. Stewart at HFCI's annual meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. April 13 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive.

At 7:30 p.m., Stewart will discuss his book *Madison's Gift: Five Partnerships that Built*

America, followed by a book signing and reception. Information: 703-385-8414.

Rain Barrel Workshop Offered April 16

Attend the *Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop* from 10 a.m. to noon April 16 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Participants build and take home a rain barrel, and learn how to care for and maintain it. Cost is \$55 per barrel.

The workshop is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Registration is required: <http://nvswcd-velocitypayment.com.3dcartstores.com/>.

Police Accept Prescription, OTC Medicine April 30

Participate in Drug Take-Back Day by bringing unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Station April 30.

Pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers (no needles or syringes) will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30 in the police station lobby, 3730 Old Lee Highway.



Drop-off is anonymous. Information: 703-385-7829.

Since October 2011, the city has collected more than a ton of expired or unused medication.

Civil War Sketches at Blenheim Through April 30

Get a view of the American Civil War from the perspective of a sketch artist at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

The Civil War Journey: Maps and Sketches of Pvt. Robert Sneden shows eyewitness accounts and images from the memoir of Union soldier Robert Knox Sneden (1832-1918). The exhibit, on display through April 30, showcases Sneden's work from the Virginia Historical Society's collection. Information: 703-591-0560.

Fairfax Cares Seeks In-Kind Donations and Set-Up Volunteers

Join the community effort at Fairfax Cares, in which volunteers pack 10,000 ready-to-cook meals for families of city school children in need.

Volunteers are sought to help set up for the packing event from 6-8 p.m. April 29 at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermentown Road. Financial donations also are accepted at www.GenerosityFeeds.org/va/Fairfax/243. Fairfax Cares is co-hosted by the City of Fairfax Schools and non-profit organization Generosity Feeds.

Information: 703-385-7911.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month; Support SafeSpot's Advocacy Center

Help advocate for children by supporting SafeSpot, the Children's Advocacy Center, a non-profit organization that works with the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County.

SafeSpot provides a centralized, family-friendly location for reporting this crime, with all professionals working as a team in a single location. Support is accepted via donations of money, materials or participation in special events like the Champions Fore Children Charity Golf Tournament April 25. Information: www.safespotfairfax.org.

Bike to Work Day May 20; Pit Stop in Old Town Square

Bike to work on May 20 — and stop by the city's pit stop in Old Town Square, which will be open from 6-9 a.m. that day. Information: 703-385-7805.

Pre-register to be eligible for a free t-shirt and bike raffles: www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.



Stay connected with the City of Fairfax's free app, available from iTunes and Google Play!

Spring Cleanup Month Includes Leaf Collection, Cleanup Day

The city spruces up for spring — and provides special services — in April for Spring Cleanup Month. **Information:** 703-385-7995.

Residents, community groups, service groups and others may clean up neighborhoods (or any city public area) on Spring Cleanup Day April 30. The city provides trash bags and collects the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day. Can't make that day? Call to see how the city can help your efforts.

Funding for this year's Spring Cleanup Day is supported with a \$6,427 grant from the Virginia Department of Environmental

Quality provided to support the city's litter prevention and recycling program.

On Tuesdays in April, vacuum trucks will collect loose leaves raked to the curb in residential neighborhoods that receive curbside refuse/recycling collection. *Bagged leaves are not collected in April.* Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day.

The city sweeps residential streets Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in April; please refrain from parking on residential streets from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on those days. Signs are posted in neighborhoods.

Learn How to Save With Solar Power; Information Meetings to be Held April 11, May 2

The City of Fairfax is making it easier and more affordable for residents and businesses to install solar power by partnering with the non-profit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) on the SolarizeNOVA program.

Hear from solar professionals, past program participants, and financing advisors at informational meetings scheduled for 6 p.m. April 11 at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway; and 6 p.m. May 2 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road.

Here are some reasons to solarize:

- **Free Assessments:** Solarize NOVA offers free solar site assessments and home energy

checkups to help homeowners figure out if solar is right for their home and budget.

- **More Affordable than Ever:** With discounts of 15 percent or more, and panel prices down 10 percent from last year, now is a great time to buy. We'll help you with the 30 percent federal tax credit and renewable energy credits too.

- **Head Off Rising Energy**

Costs: Energy rates are rising 2 percent annually. Solar customers regularly see an 8 percent or better return on investment.

- **Higher Home Values:** Homes with solar have appraisal premiums of 3-6 percent.

Information: www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org, 703-517-7251.



SOLARIZENOVA
City of Fairfax



Fairfax Civil War Day

10 am to 5 pm Saturday, April 30

Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway

Meet: Clara Barton; Aeronaut Thaddeus Lowe; "Women of the Civil War";

Surgeon Bleeker L. Hovey, 136th NYSV, and his wife, Union Nurse Marilla Hovey;

General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee; Colonel John Mosby; 1st United States Colored Troops

Blenheim House Graffiti Tours • Willcoxon Family Treasures • Living history and camp demonstrations
7th Va Infantry, Co. D, "Fairfax Rifles" • African-American Voices of Freedom • Wagon rides • Cricket games
Civil War medicine • Beginners Boot Camp • Black Horse Cavalry • Carpenter's Battery • Presentations and displays
Battery B, 1st Connecticut Light Artillery • The Village Blacksmith • Cannon and firing demonstrations
Ladies Aid Society • 2nd Corps, Officers and Engineers • 28th Massachusetts (USA) Medical Unit • Union Artillery
Sarah Tracy, Protector of Mt. Vernon • Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden Exhibit
Civil War era documents from the Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records
Music by Dearest Home • Food by Red Hot & Blue and Historic Fairfax City, Inc.

Free shuttle service from Fairfax High School, 3410 Rebel Run (no on-site parking)

Cost: \$5/adults, \$3 youth age 12 and younger

Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-591-0560



Report Potholes to Public Works Department

Encounter a pesky pothole in the City of Fairfax? Report it to the Public Works Department via the Pothole Hotline: WeCare@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7810.

Remember: Recycle at Home and Work

Remember: recycling is mandatory for all city residents and business owners.

Resident who receive refuse and recyclable collection service may request a recycling bin from the city for curbside collection of materials.

Residents also may provide their own bins or wheeled totes for their use. Remember to write the residence address on totes and bins so they find their way home.

Contractors Must Dispose of Their Own Debris

Contractors who offer services as extensive as home renovations or as simple as grass-cutting are required to dispose of their debris themselves, rather than leave the materials at the curb. The Public Works Department does not dispose of contractor-created debris.

Solid Waste Services Guide Available

What belongs in which bin at the curb? Find out in the *Solid Waste Services Guide* — pick it up at the city website or request a copy: RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7837.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



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Twitter Handle: @CityFfxSustain

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Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief Available

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities.

Applications, available from the Finance Department, are due by April 15. Information: 703-359-2486.

Different types of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income. Options include *basic tax relief* (full or partial tax relief), *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*; or *combination tax freeze and deferral*.

Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The veteran must be declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rent relief is available for senior citizens or renters with permanent and total disabilities.

Tax Preparation Assistance Available

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides qualified city residents with free assistance through April 8 preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns. Appointments: 703-385-7880.

Other services are offered by AARP TaxAide (888-AARP-NOW) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA, 703-531-6290) for low- and moderate-income persons; Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE, 800-906-9887) and the Armed Forces Tax Council (800-829-3676).

General Election is May 3; Voter Registration Continues Through April 11

Mayor Candidates: R. Scott Silverthorne • Thomas "A" Ammazalorso

City Council Candidates: Michael J. DeMarco • Jeffrey C. Greenfield
Nancy Fry Loftus • David L. Meyer • Janice B. Miller
Eleanor D. "Ellie" Schmidt • Jon R. Stehle, Jr.

School Board Candidates: Jon A. Buttram • Carolyn S. Pitches
Robert M. Reinsel • Tobin M. "Toby" Sorensen
Mitch A. "Sut" Sutterfield • Iain L. D. Williamson

Mayor and City Council Candidates Night:



7 pm April 14, American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street
Sponsored by The City of Fairfax Homeowners' Associations
and American Legion Post 177

Beginning April 15, watch it on Cityscreen-12 — see schedule on page 5

In-person absentee voting continues through April 30. Applications to have absentee ballots mailed to the voter must be received no later than 5 pm April 26. The Election Office, 10455 Armstrong Street, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and will open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30 for in-person absentee voting. Information: 703-385-7890, www.fairfaxva.gov.

Step Out In Spring at City Events, Including Fishing Derby, Derby-Q, Rock the Block

Anglers of all ages can cast their lines at the city's Fishing Derby April 9 at the Ashby Pond Conservatory Site, 9817 Ashby Road.

Registrants will choose one of three 45-minute sessions during which to catch trout from the well-stocked pond (courtesy Trout Unlimited). Cost is \$5 per person, with a limit of six participants per household.

Fishers should bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag and ice (a limited quantity of fishing rods will be available on site to borrow). Bait will be supplied. Volunteers will provide instruction, pond education and fish cleaning demonstrations.

Pre-registration is required on the city website, or in-person at the Stacy C. Sher-

wood Community Center, Green Acres Center or Room 123 in City Hall. Sessions are 9:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The derby is in held cooperation with Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
Information: 703-385-7858.

Mark your calendars: Derby-Q Festival brings Fairfax barbecue, blues, bourbon, brew, and the Kentucky Derby from 2-7 p.m. May 7 Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive; www.Derby-Q.com, 703-385-7858.

Old Town Square will be the place to Rock the Block this summer. Crazy in Stereo will kick off the season from 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 27. Vendors will be set up in the square for concert-goers to buy food and drinks.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy for city resident: architecture background preferred)
- Board of Building Code Appeals (one vacancy for electrician — city residency preferred)
- Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for city business representative)
- Planning Commission (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communication:
 - Channel 12 (with converter box)
 - Channel 38.7 or channel 38.12 (without converter box)
- City website

Candidates Night

Mayor and City Council Candidates Night, sponsored by The City of Fairfax Homeowners' Association and American Legion Post 177, will be recorded on April 14. replays:

4/15-17, 4/22-24, 4/29-5/1, 5 pm
4/18-19, 4/21, 4/25, 4/27, 5/2, 10 am
4/18, 4/21, 7 pm

On April 15, the show will be archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

The Fairfax Scene

Through April 14, watch the reenactment of Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House followed by the Mosby Symposium that was held on March 9, 2013.

Beginning April 15, learn about the collaborative initiative Solarize City of Fairfax.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm
Archived online: "special programming"
Available on city's YouTube channel

School Board

LIVE! 12 Monday, April 4, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:
Tuesday, April 5, 10 am
Thursday, April 7, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 5

City Council

LIVE! 12 Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Wednesday, April 6, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, April 8, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, April 9, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, April 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 6

LIVE! 12 Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Wednesday, April 13, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, April 15, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, April 16, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, April 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 13

LIVE! 12 Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Friday, April 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, April 30, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, May 1, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 28

Planning Commission

LIVE! 12 Monday, April 11, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
Tuesday, April 12, 10 am
Thursday, April 14, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 12
Monday, April 25, 7 pm, LIVE replays:
LIVE! 12 Tuesday, April 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, April 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online April 26

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

April 4 regular meeting

- Presentation of the Fairfax High School All-Night Graduation donation.
- Spotlight on Learning.
- Student representative report.
- Fairfax High School State of the Schools Report.

April 18 work session

- Student panel.
- Draft agenda for annual retreat.

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

April 5 work session

- Presentation by and discussion with Carolyn Sutterfield, city representative to the Commission on Aging.
- Discussion of the Solarize NOVA program.
- Discussion of the Reconstruction of the GMU water tank.
- Demonstration of development projects map.
- Discussion of the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2016-17.

April 12 regular meeting

- Consideration to authorize for city manager to sign the one-year Capital Funding Agreement with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).
- Consideration of an award of contract for Old Lee Highway roadway engineering services.
- Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2016, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code to increase the wastewater utility rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Public hearing on the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and CIP for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Public hearing on the proposed real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2016-17.

April 19 work session (tentative)

- Discussion of the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and CIP for fiscal year 2016-17.

April 27 regular meeting (please note: this date is a Wednesday)

- Public hearing on an ordinance amending and readopting City Code pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2016, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Public hearing on an ordinance amending and readopting City Code to increase the wastewater utility rate by 10 percent for fiscal year 2016-17.
- Consideration of the City of Fairfax proposed operating budget and CIP for fiscal year 2016-17.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

April 11 and April 25 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

City Council Reporter

February 23, 2016

- Presentation of the city manager's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Public hearings

- Approved, 4-3, the request for a special use permit to allow structural alteration of an existing non-conforming site and building in the C-2 Retail Commercial District at 3575 Chain Bridge Road (Fuddrucker's Restaurant). (In favor: Mayor Silverthorne, and Councilmembers Greenfield, Loftus, and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmembers DeMarco, Meyer, and Miller.)
- Approved, 4-3, the request to reduce the minimum front and side yard requirements for development of the property located at 3575 Chain Bridge Road (Fuddrucker's Restaurant). (In favor: Mayor Silverthorne, and Councilmembers Greenfield, Loftus, and Schmidt; opposed: Councilmembers DeMarco, Meyer, and Miller.)

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed Ellen Brouwer to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Appointed Claudia Lewis to the Commission on the Arts.
- Appointed Michael Lee as the Business Representative on the Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Appointed Tom Burrell to the Planning Commission.
- Reaffirmed the following Council appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Subcommittees: Board of Directors: Councilmember Meyer (alternate: Councilmember Greenfield); Transportation Planning Board: Councilmember Meyer (alternate: Councilmember Greenfield); Metropolitan Air Quality Committee: Councilmember DeMarco (alternate: Councilmember Loftus); Metropolitan Development Policy Committee: Councilmember Greenfield; Human Services & Public Safety Policy: Councilmember Miller (alternate: Councilmember Schmidt); Aviation Policy Committee: Councilmember DeMarco; Chesapeake Bay

and Water Resources Policy Committee: Councilmember Meyer.

March 8, 2016

Consent agenda

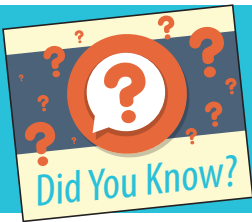
- Approved, unanimously, consideration of the Little League Opening Day Parade and road closure.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit to allow a telecommunications facility that, together with the structure on which it is mounted, exceeds 65 feet in height in the C-2 Retail Commercial District and the Old Town Fairfax Transition District at 10555 Main Street, subject to conditions.

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved 5-1, advertised \$1.0815 as the maximum real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2016-17. (This action sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted as part of the fiscal year 2016-17 budget. This action does not set the actual real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2016-17.) (Councilmember Loftus opposed.)



City Development

Mount Vineyard is the site of the home of Richard Ratcliffe, the city's original architect — and will be the site of 132 for-sale dwellings, 30 of which will be a new "two over two" condominium design.

These new homes — 64 condominiums in two elevator-served buildings, 38 townhomes and the 30 stacked condominiums (the "two-over-two" design resembling a standard townhome) — will be constructed on the 6-acre site of the current Knolls on Main Apartments, a 110-unit garden apartment community originally built in 1962.

Construction of Mount Vineyard will provide an opportunity to use contemporary materials to implement a traditional design.

Homes will feature "green building" practices and other contemporary amenities, including rooftop terraces and garage parking. Mount Vineyard's design will incorporate several of the mature oak trees on Oak Street, and the community will

include a commemorative marker honoring Ratcliffe and Mount Vineyard.

Construction of the community is anticipated to begin this spring, with all homes completed by early 2018.

Information: 703-385-7930.



Community Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703-385-7855
 City Newsline 703-273-1776
 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414
 George Mason University Events 703-993-1000

Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.



Spotlight on the Arts will be held April 15 through May 9 in and around the City of Fairfax. Information: 703-352-ARTS, www.fairfaxspotlight.org

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 The Hub: In a Word, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre at The New School of Northern Virginia

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Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center
 The Hub: In a Word, 2 pm, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre at The New School of Northern Virginia

3

In a Word, 2 pm, John Swayze Theatre at The New School of Northern Virginia

4

Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am
 GMU Visiting Filmmakers Series: Field Niggas and Khalik Allah, 4:30 pm, GMU Johnson Center
 City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 Visiting Writers' Series: Huan Hsu, 7:30 pm, George Mason University Research Hall

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Welcome CUE Bus to Twitter: @CityofFFXCUE
 Start following today!

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Independence Day Yard Sale donated items drop-off, 5-8 pm, Green Acres Center
 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Windz: Music for a Spring Night, 8 pm, Old Town Hall

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Independence Day Yard Sale, 8 am to 1 pm, Green Acres Center
 Accotink Creek cleanup, 9-11 am, Accotink Creek at Pickett Road Bridge
 Fishing Derby, 9:30 am, Ashby Pond Conservatory Site

10

Second Sunday Series: Private John S. Mosby, First Virginia Cavalry, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim
 The Hub: In a Word, 2 pm, John Swayze Theatre at The New School of Northern Virginia

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The last day to register to vote before the May 3 City of Fairfax election
 Solarize City of Fairfax meeting, 6 pm, Sherwood Center
 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am
 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Visiting Writers' Series: Jean Valentine, 7:30 pm, George Mason University Research Hall

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Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex
 Historic Fairfax City, Inc. annual meeting, 7 pm, Old Town Hall

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Fairfax Art League Arts and Lunch, 10:30 am to 2 pm, Old Town Hall
 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Mayor and City Council Candidates Night, 7 pm, American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak Street

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Applications for real estate tax relief and rent relief due
 Spotlight on the Arts Opening Gala, 7 pm, Old Town Hall
 Sherwood Cinema Series: Minions, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Build Your Own Rain Barrel, 10 am, Green Acres Center
 The Hub: In a Word, 2 pm, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre at The New School of Northern Virginia

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Virginia Opera Children's Program: Little Red Riding Hood, 2 pm, Sherwood Center
 Bluegrass Festival, 6 pm, Auld Shebeen

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Comprehensive Plan survey responses due
 Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall
 Fairfax High School Wind Ensemble, 7 pm, Sherwood Center
 School Board work session, 7 pm, Fairfax High School

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am
 Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall

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Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex

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Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall

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Mason Day, George Mason University
 Sherwood Cinema Series: Inside Out, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (donations accepted by Our Daily Bread)
 Washington Saxophone Quartet, 8 pm, Sherwood Center

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George Mason University Sibling Weekend
 Document Shredding Event, 8 am to noon, Mason District Governmental Center
 Accotink creek cleanup — see page 2

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George Mason University Sibling Weekend
 Potomac Arts Academy Recitals, 1 pm, Old Town Hall
 Main Street Community Band: Spotlight Concert, 4 pm, Sherwood Center

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Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex
 Virginia Opera: An Evening of Arias and Duets, 7 pm, Sherwood Center

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Curbside leaf collection — please rake leaves to curb by 7 am
 Last day to request an absentee ballot for the May 3 City of Fairfax election
 Vienna-Falls Chorus, Sweet Adelines, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center

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Earth Day reception, 6 pm, City Hall Atrium
 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (budget adoption)

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John Mason Arts Achievement Award, 7 pm, Old Town Hall

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Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)
 Fairfax Saxophone Quartet: Spring Fling, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center
 Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe?, 7:30 pm, Old Town Hall

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Spring Cleanup Day
 In-person absentee voting, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House
 Fairfax Cares, 9:30 am to noon, Lanier Middle School
 Drug Take-Back Day, 10 am to 2 pm, Police Station
 Fairfax Civil War Day, 10 am to 5 pm, Historic Blenheim

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City Happenings

New Exhibit at Museum Focuses on Community

Take a walk down memory lane, or learn something new, in the new temporary exhibit at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center through July 10: "Images of our Community: Past and Present."

The exhibit features sketches, maps, photographs, and art work depicting buildings and landscapes with two special themes: a loaned collection of historic photographs of the Burke area from the Burke Historical Society and a new donation of drawings and paintings of historic buildings and local scenes from the collection of city residents Randy and Ellen Lytton.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, at 10209 Main Street, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. *Information:* 703-385-8414.

Parade Applications Due April 1; Volunteers Sought

Join friends and family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence

Day Parade July 4. Applications, available on the city website, are due by April 1.

Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event. *Information:* 703-385-7858.

Bonita Lestina Performance Series Continues April 8, 22

Enjoy *Windz: Music for a Spring Night* at 8 p.m. April 8 at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. *The Washington Saxophone Quartet* will celebrate its 40th anniversary at 8 p.m. April 22 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. *Information:* 703-352-ARTS.

IDCC Yard Sale April 9; Donated Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 9 at Green Acres Center — and seeks donated items.

Items will be accepted for donation to the yard sale from 5-8 p.m. April 8 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture

and household linens. Please, no adult-size clothing or books. Proceeds will benefit the 2016 Independence Day celebration to be held July 4. *Information:* 703-385-7949.

April 10 History Event Explores 'The Gray Ghost'

Learn about *Private John S. Mosby, First Virginia Cavalry: Picketing Fairfax County before Becoming the Confederacy's 'Gray Ghost'* from historian Gregory P. Wilson at 2 p.m. April 10 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. *Information:* 703-385-8414.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues April 22

Enjoy *Inside Out* for free April 22 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks.

From 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread accepts donations of non-perishable food items. A list of suggested items is available on the city website. *Information:* 703-385-7858.